

Remarks

Claims 12-31 and 34 are now pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 19 and 34 to clarify the present invention. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner rejected claims 12-31 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese patent document JP 59-061573.

Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 does not disclose the present invention as recited in claim 34 since, among other things, Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 does not disclose an industrial robot manipulator that includes a first arm including a front arm part and a coaxial rear arm part where the front arm part is journaled in the rear arm part such that the front arm part is rotatable about a first axis relative to the rear arm part. Rather, Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 appears to disclose an arm 3 that is a single arm part, not a front part and a rear arm part journaled in the front arm part.

Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 also does not disclose a cable supporting device attached to a rear part of the two part first arm and a second arm. Rather, Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 discloses a supporting device attached to a front end of the single part arm 3. Additionally, Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 does not disclose a supporting arm rotatably supported about a rotation axis. Rather, Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 discloses a flexible supporting device that is fixed to the arm 3. The flexible supporting device

does not rotate, but rather bends and the cable moves.

Furthermore, Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 does not disclose the present invention as recited in claim 34 since, among other things, a second arm rotatably connected to the front arm part of the first arm and rotatable about a second axis. Rather, Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 appears to disclose a second arm that either is not rotatably attached to the single part arm 3 or cannot rotate about a second axis.

In view of the above, Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 does not disclose all elements of the present invention as recited in claim 34 and claims 12-31, which depend from claim 34. Since Japanese patent document JP 59-061573 does not disclose all elements of the present invention as recited in claims 34 and 12-31, the present invention, as recited in claims 34 and 12-31, is not properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). For an anticipation rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) no difference may exist between the claimed invention and the reference disclosure. *See Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation v. Genentech, Inc.*, 18 U.S.P.Q. 841 (C.A.F.C. 1984).

Along these lines, anticipation requires the disclosure, in a cited reference, of each and every recitation, as set forth in the claims. *See Hodosh v. Block Drug Co.*, 229 U.S.P.Q. 182 (Fed. Cir. 1986); *Titanium Metals Corp. v. Banner*, 227 U.S.P.Q. 773 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *Orthokinetics, Inc. v. Safety Travel Chairs, Inc.*, 1 U.S.P.Q.2d 1081 (Fed. Cir. 1986); and *Akzo N.V. v. U.S. International Trade Commissioner*, 1 U.S.P.Q.2d 1081 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

In view of the above, the reference relied upon in the office action does not disclose

patentable features of the present invention. Therefore, the reference relied upon in the office action does not anticipate the present invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection based upon the cited reference.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

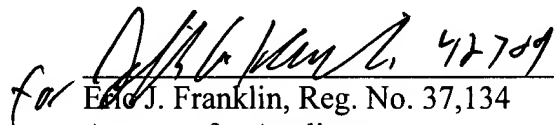
If an interview would advance the prosecution of this case, Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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